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Project Safe Neighborhoods: Rock Island Man Charged with Possessing Firearm

Rock Island, IL- Rodger A. Heaton, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, announced that a federal grand jury today returned an indictment charging Brandon Dupree Jones, age 21, of 3755 5th Street, Rock Island, Illinois, with possession of a firearm by a felon.

The indictment alleges Jones possessed a .357 magnum revolver on July 10, 2006, in East Moline, Illinois. According to the indictment, Jones possessed the gun despite previous convictions for aggravated unlawful use of a firearm, obstruction of justice, unlawful possession of a handgun, and possession of a controlled substance.

If convicted, the maximum statutory penalty for possession of a firearm by a felon is 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the East Moline Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John K. Mehochko under the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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